

BRYNMAWR FOUNDATION SCHOOL
HUMANITIES FACULTY
2013-2014
ESDGC
LEARNER FORUM

Minutes of meeting held – Wed 11th Sept 2013

Present

Year 8 – Tia Edwards, Nia Williams, Alisha Scott, Dafydd Morris,
Tayha Maund, Nesha Evans
Year 9 – Roy Makepeace, Gwen Derrick, Carys Bainton
Year 10 – Beth Clayton, Millie Fakande, Olivia Harvey, Amber Norris,
Paige Williams
Year 11 – Rhys Sweet, Abbie Maggs, Jack Curtis, Rhiannon Hucker
DBR, MR, KH

Items discussed

1. The purpose of the forum was explained to student representatives. Badges of forum membership were presented by DBR.
2. Discussion took place in relation to an appropriate logo and slogan for ESDGC across our school. Abbie Maggs agreed to design a prospective logo and present it to the Learner Forum at our next meeting on Monday 16th September.
3. Topics/Concepts to be discussed at future forums were debated and how links could be developed with other school communities to increase our global citizenship participation.
4. The school's ESDGC calendar was discussed as were methods of celebrating the importance of the events listed across school life. Links with faculties and staff who deliver assemblies were discussed.
5. Discussion took place regarding the visit of Mrs Eva Clarke on Monday 23rd September. It was agreed that all members of the ESDGC Learner Forum and Humanities Advisory Team would have places at Mrs Clarke's testimony as a Holocaust survivor. The remaining places will be offered to Key Stage 4 students who have studied a Humanities subject this year or last. MR to speak to these students at the end of full school assembly on Friday morning. Students will register interest on a 'first come, first served' basis during breaktime as only 75 places are available. DBR, MR and KH explained to students the importance and privilege of meeting Mrs Clarke and to hear her testimony.
6. It was agreed at the next meeting 'roles' across the school for learner forum members would be distributed and agreed upon.

7. It was explained to students that Eco-Schools and the Eco-Code is a vital part of ESDGC and KH distributed surveys for Learner Forum members to complete and return to her by Friday 13th September to enable the school to push on with its ambitions to increase its Eco-Schools Awards. KH will also be contacting the newly appointed Eco-Coordinator for Blaenau Gwent and Monmouthshire and hopefully attend further training in Llanfoist in October.
8. KH, MR and DBR also explained that members will be divided at the next meeting into sub-groups of Eco Schools/Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship to ensure pupil participation across all areas of ESDGC.
9. Various Learner Forum members expressed an interest in contacting regional and national press to announce the visit of Mrs Eva Clarke on 23rd September. These students will meet with MR at breaktime on Friday to agree which organisations will be contacted.
10. Learner forum members asked if more interested students could join the forum. It was agreed by DBR, MR and KH that any suitable student is more than welcome to join the forum and should one of the relevant members of staff as soon as possible

Learner members agreed to alternate the days of weekly meeting to balance any potential clashes with other extra-curricular activities.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 16th September at 2.40pm.